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WASHINGTON, July 20.—Minister Conger's cablegram was as follows:

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mon the navy and every army transport available, and send its own army in a dash upon Peking. This would be a daring and brilliant move. It is believed here that this could be accomplished with from 30,000 to 40,000 men, and that number could be spared from the Philippines by simply giving up everything for the time being and holding Manila against insurgent raids. It is believed here that the United States to make such a stupendous and brilliant attempt in the interests of humanity the entire world would follow.

Japan, England and Germany certainly would join in such an undertaking and with these three powers allied, Peking could be reached, no matter how many Chinese soldiers blocked the way.

Secretary Hay was asked tonight if this undertaking was to be made. "Not yet," he said. "We have hopes of something better, but we shall make every effort to save Mr. Conger."

Mr. Hay would not say the United States did not seriously contemplate throwing an army into China. Other lesser officials say such an attempt would fasten the eyes of the whole world with admiration upon the United States, and that its outcome might be a more peaceful solution of the Chinese problem than now seems probable.

### AWFUL SIGHTS AT TIEN-TSIN

Stench of Thousands of Burning Corpses Fills the Air.

Casualties Exceed One Thousand. Native Women Burned.

(A. P. NIGHT REPORT.) LONDON, July 21.—(By Atlantic Cable.) The Daily Express has received the following from Tien-Tsin, dated July 18:

"The casualties in the three days' fighting before the native city of Tien-Tsin exceeded 1000. It is now certain that there were several Russians and Frenchmen fighting on the Chinese side. The Chinese killed their own women and children in the fighting. The whole native city was in flames, and the stench of the burning thousands of corpses was unexpressably horrible."

Among the incidents of the fighting on July 17, the precipitate flight of the French troops from Tien-Tsin. They had been ordered to hold as important front, but on being charged by the Chinese with bayonets the entire detachment was killed. The Russian soldiers killed all the Chinese wounded, in revenge of the Peking massacre.

COMBUL AT AMOY. (A. P. NIGHT REPORT.) DENVER, July 20.—P. W. Howbert, Collector of Internal Revenue, is in receipt of a letter from A. B. Johnson, Consul at Amoy, China, and formerly a prominent citizen of Grand Junction, Colo. The letter is dated June 20.

"There is some disturbance in the country adjacent to Amoy, and one church, eighty miles in the interior, was sacked last week. I have ordered the military to return to Amoy immediately, and hope thus, by taking early action, to save the lives of all in the vicinity. I have requested a man-of-war to come to Amoy and to keep it within three days. The foreign community have organized a gun club and will amuse themselves and quiet their nerves by frequently meeting and having target practice."

"The Chinese officials here are on the most intimate terms with me, and I can rely on them to assist. In fact, I got the tip from a military officer who has long been a warm friend of mine, that they were secret Boxer clans forming in the interior, and that it was best to recall the missionaries at once, before the outbreak in the north."

TOWER AT WASHINGTON. (A. P. DAY REPORT.) WASHINGTON, July 20.—Charles Magnus Tower, United States Ambassador to Russia, arrived in Washington today and went directly to the State Department to pay his respects to Secretary Hay. Mr. Tower declares that his months' leave of absence from his post. This leave was applied for four months ago, so that his return at this time cannot be considered a return from leave.

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### HOPE DAWNS FROM A DARK SKY

Message from Conger Lifts Gloom.

Peking Americans Alive Two Days Ago.

Every Energy Now Bent for a Speedy Rescue.

Magie Words Set Washington Agog. Cabinet Conference.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Like a flash of sunlight out of the dark sky came the intelligence at an early hour today that United States Minister Conger had sent a cipher cablegram from Peking to the State Department at Washington. It is known that two days ago he was alive and that the foreigners were fighting for their safety. The Chinese Minister, Wu Tingfang, received the message.

FLASHED OVER THE WORLD. Within an hour the welcome intelligence that Mr. Conger had been heard from after weeks of silence and evil report, was flashed throughout the world, dispelling the gloom which had prevailed everywhere and bringing to official and to the public congratulatory sense of profound relief. The dispatch was in reply to Secretary Hay's cable of inquiry to Minister Conger on July 17, and in both cases were in the American cipher code. They were regarded by the officials as above the suspicion of having been tampered with. The course of transmission through Chinese channels. Mr. Wu promptly communicated the dispatch to the State Department, where the translation was made from the cipher figures, and soon all Washington was astir with the intelligence.

IMPROMPTU CABINET COUNCIL. It was telegraphed by Secretary Hay to the President, who responded with a wholesome expression of gratification and word of it was sent to the various Cabinet officers. They gathered in Secretary Hay's office, and an impromptu Cabinet conference was held in the diplomatic chamber, mainly for the purpose of exchanging congratulations and taking a survey of the situation to see if it had been materially changed by this important development. First of all, from the standpoint of the administration officials, the most welcome feature of the message was its assurance that the American Minister himself was alive two days ago. But with this cheering news, the ominous statement of Minister Conger that the besieged foreigners were in the British legation under continuous shot and shell from Chinese troops, and that only quick relief could avert a general massacre. After the first flush of thankfulness this graver feature of the message began to impress itself upon Cabinet officials most deeply. As one of them remarked: "There are the poor creatures, penned up under fire of shot and shell and appealing to us for help."

NO CHANGE OF POLICY. The consultation brought about no pronounced change of policy, for it was felt that already every energy had been bent toward meeting the situation, and that there was absolutely nothing more that could be done. After all, the Cabinet officials felt, and so stated, the message was an evidence of friendship and good faith of the pro-foreign element of the Chinese, and wisdom dictated a course which would continue to utilize this friendship.

ACCEPTED AS AUTHENTIC. The government accepted the message as authentic, and Secretary Hay transmitted it to all our ambassadors and ministers abroad, with instructions to lay it before the respective governments to which they are accredited, and to urge upon them the necessity of co-operation for the immediate relief of the foreigners at Peking. A message also was sent by Secretary Long to Admiral Remy, conveying the intelligence of the desperate situation in Peking, and instructing him to "use every possible endeavor for the relief of the foreigners at Peking."

OTHER POWERS APPEALED TO. Secretary Root sent a similar notification to Col. Coolidge, the senior officer ashore at Tien-Tsin. This action was the result of the conference of Secretaries Hay, Long and Root. It was realized that the land and naval forces of the United States now in China could not single-handed push on to Peking, and the other powers accordingly were appealed to, on the basis of Minister Conger's message, to the assistance for relief. Secretary Hay explained his reasons for placing reliance in the authenticity of Minister Conger's dispatch, saying that it was a complete reply in code to the code message sent to him.

### MEMORIAL OF THE VICEROYS.

Requests Empress to Protect All Foreigners.

Futile Efforts of Cantonese to Prevent Li Hung Chang's Departure.

NEW YORK, July 20.—A dispatch to the Herald from Canton says that the following copy of the Viceroy's joint memorial which is being signed for presentation to the Empress Dowager was obtained from Li Hung Chang, previous to his departure for Peking:

"Henceforth, all nations will see that our government had no intention lightly to engage in hostilities and only did so when it was found unavoidable. Their anger and resentment will, as a matter of course, be at once assuaged after having respectfully considered the sentiments indicated in a decree. We have decided to ask that these may be enlarged on in five ways. We would ask:

"First—That a decree be issued, ordering that the Tartar generals, Viceroy and Governors continue the usual system of affording protection to foreign merchants and missionaries, so as to show that, although hostilities are in progress, non-combatants are still under the protection of the government and to display more clearly the heavenly mercy of the sacred throne."

"Second—The lightness or severity of the measures of the foreign powers will depend solely upon the date of their Ministers. We hear that the rebels disobey the edicts and continue the attack on the legations. Foreign papers state with reference to the assassination of the German Minister that the German Emperor has made his troops swear to the legations. Foreign papers state with reference to the assassination of the German Minister that the German Emperor has made his troops swear to the legations."

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"Fourth—We would also beg that a decree be issued to the Viceroy, Governors and high military authorities of the provinces saying that if any disloyal derelict criminals or mutinous soldiers are really annoying or harming well-conducted troops, or committing arson, assassination or acts of robbery, they have permission to suppress them and the opportunity offers, and report the measures taken to the throne. This is the policy always hitherto adopted to bring peace upon the land, and head off those from the outside. The capital must first be pacified, and people's minds will then be quieted. Military discipline must be rigidly enforced before the morale of the troops can be raised."

Fincards were posted in the streets of Canton this morning by her merchants, protesting against the departure of Li Hung Chang, and invoking all responsible men in efforts to induce him to stay. Crowds of merchants thronged to the Viceroy and begged him to remain, presenting on their knees a petition bearing the inscription: "We humbly and respectfully entreat your excellency to stay." Li Hung Chang appeared somewhat moved, but told the petitioners he dared not disobey the mandate from Peking. He urged them to use their influence with their neighbors and neighbors to induce them to respect the laws."

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Before sailing the Viceroy addressed the American Consul so as to prevent Li Hung Chang from leaving the Yamen, but soldiers cleared the passage, and he finally embarked on board the Chinese steamship An-sai, with a suite of 20 persons, and sailed direct for Hongkong.

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**Auto-Mortem Statement**  
**Monday's Shooting**

**Tilley, Watched by the**  
**City Detectives**

shoot, won't it? and also heard him utter several oaths and curse the other man. Before he could get to a place where he could see what was going on three shots were fired. He says he then saw Tilley taking his wife toward their home, and upon reaching there Tilley opened the door and with an oath ordered her into the house. An hour later the couple came out of the house, having seemingly effected a reconciliation. They went up the street and he saw no more of them. Other neighbors who were in the vicinity at the time that his wound was not serious; that he would under no circumstances prosecute his assailant, and that when they arrested him the last, nothing would come of it, because the wounded man would not and could not be compelled to appear in a complaint.

**DR. DORSEY REBUKED.**  
The officers determined yesterday to make another effort to secure a statement from the wounded man. Chief Elton and Capt. Bradish consulted the doctor, Dr. Dorsey, who had been called to the Pacific Hospital yesterday afternoon and demanded to see Mitchell.

**TILLEY'S STORY.**  
It was given out early yesterday that Tilley and his family had gone to Redondo, but this was not strictly true. Tilley said he was in the city until late in the afternoon, when he did go to the beach resort to join his family. So far as is known, he has made no statement to any person other than his family and certain members of his family as to his side of the story.

**WHO THE MEN ARE.**  
Tilley, who did the shooting, is well known throughout the Seventh Ward and is possessed of considerable improved and unimproved realty, besides an excellent grocery business. He is highly regarded by those who know him. Four years ago he was an independent candidate for the City Council, but was not elected. James Ashman being the successful man.

**Death of George H. Prince.**  
PHOENIX (Ariz.) July 20.—George H. Prince, well-known lumberman, died last night from heat prostration induced by overeating.

**Inspector-General Huggins and Paymaster Hugh R. Beckman, of the Department of the Lakes, have received orders to proceed immediately to San Francisco for service in the Orient.**

This store closes every Thursday in August at 1 p.m.—five half holidays for our employees.

# An Unusual Sale of Wash Fabrics Today.

Thousands of Yards—the Final Wind-up of Wash Goods for the Season—Before our Semi-Annual Inventory.

50c Silk Stripe Batiste 29c.	30c Fine Organdies and Dimities 12c.
59c Fine Silk Gingham 37c.	65c Fine White Organdie 44c.

## Great Sale Today Ladies' Oxford Ties.

800 Pairs Direct From the Makers.

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50c Fine Organdies and Dimities 12c.  
65c Fine White Organdie 44c.

## Bargain Corner Today.

This Most Popular Corner of the Busy Store Has Today Unusual Big Attractions!

Big Display and Sale of All Kinds of Fine Toilet Soap.

5c White Lily Soap, cake	2 1-2c
6 1-4c Cocoa Borax Soap, cake	2 1-2c
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# DAN BURNS'S MAN FILCHED GOLD FROM MANY TOILERS

## SHAMELESS POLITICAL SWINDLE.

**Mechanics Pay Heavy Price for Lying Promises into Hands of E. D. Wilbur, Who Swears Edward C. Conroy Was Director of the Swindle.**

THE following extraordinary developments, as reported in the San Francisco Call of July 18, possess startling interest for those who follow the political history of the State.

According to these revelations, Dan Burns, who is more or less known as a political "agitator," dictator of Congressional nominations, etc., has placed



CLEVELAND DAM.

himself once more on record in his peculiar sphere.

The Call does not deal in "gutter journalism," but gives plans and specifications, so that even he who runs may read.

It is shown plainly in this statement, that certain personal representatives of Dan Burns have been exacting

Dan M. Burns's private secretary, and also secretary to the Pilot Commission, and, in the absence of Col. George Stone, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, upon his promise that he could place the men in positions. Conroy denies that Wilbur gave him any money, and says he did not authorize Wilbur to promise any positions.

The ten men say that they paid to

### GO-BETWEEN WILBUR MAKES AFFIDAVIT.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, County of San Francisco, ss.

E. D. WILBUR, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a resident of the city and County of San Francisco, residing at 32 Ellis street in said city and county; at various times since the 1st day of May, 1929, I collected from the following-named persons various amounts of money with the understanding that each one should receive a position upon the water front under the Board of State Harbor Commissioners, or that the money so collected would be refunded in case said position was not obtained as promised.

As above stated, I collected from JOHN L. FERREN the sum of \$40; from JOHN ISELE the sum of \$30 and two notes in the sum of \$25 each; from JAMES WOODS the sum of \$15 and two notes in the sum of \$25 each; from T. J. TAIT the sum of \$30 and two notes in the sum of \$25 each; from WILLIAM FALLON the sum of \$30 and two notes in the sum of \$25 each; from H. M. ROBINSON the sum of \$20 and two notes in the sum of \$25 each; from PETER DANN the sum of \$30 and two notes in the sum of \$25 each; from R. McKERRICHER the sum of \$30 and two notes in the sum of \$25 each; from A. A. LORD, the sum of \$30; the above amounts so collected aggregating in all \$425 cash, actually paid to me, besides the individual notes hereinbefore stated.

I had spoken to one ED CONROY in regard to placing some men on the front, stating that they were willing to put up some money for campaign purposes, and he readily assented to a limited number of carpenters, to placing these men, on the putting up of \$30 each in cash and two notes for \$25 each, payable one and two months respectively after their obtaining positions. I was led to believe at all times that the positions were secure, and that there would be no doubt of the truthfulness of CONROY'S word concerning said positions.

As soon as I had collected from each and every one of said persons the money so to have been promised, I immediately over to Mr. Conroy, who gave no receipt and had instructed me to give no receipt to the men for said money collected, though I had given two receipts, one to Mr. Ferren and one to Mr. Woods. Mr. Conroy had put me in various ways from time to time in placing the men. All sorts of excuses were offered, until I found out he was acting in bad faith.

My object in making this affidavit is to vindicate myself, because those who advanced the money to me have been misled either the money or the position as promised, and as I am in no position to make good either, I desire to have the burden of this matter rest where it properly belongs.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of July, 1930.

JAMES NASON, Notary Public in and for the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

gospel of vengeance to the vagabonds who preached to them the gospel of prosperity with false promises, criminal compacts and oaths, made only to be broken.

Among the army of seekers for patronage, shortly after the last election, were scores of laborers, artisans, mechanics and men learned in other trades. It was these latter who were seized upon by those who pretended to be the official agent of the Board of Harbor Commissioners. Here the conspirators... whose names will be frequently mentioned hereafter, centered their intentions to consummate a conspiracy to fleece the unwary for personal gain through means within the

law, if possible, criminally if necessary.

LABORERS SOUGHT PLACES.

Among the most prominent of the conspirators is E. D. Wilbur, whose name appears on the book in the possession of Eddie Conroy, secretary of D. M. Burns, secretary to the Pilot Commission chairman of the Har-

bor Commission. The purpose to which this money was put. It was paid by these craftmen for the purpose of securing positions under the Harbor Commission.

These "positions" none who paid the money have yet secured. They were under oath, and with an evasive, cringing effort to escape their wrath and the consequences of their crime, Wilbur has made affidavit that though he has received the hard-earned coin of this half-score of artisans he is "unable to deliver the goods" through what he says is the treachery of Edward Conroy. Wilbur's affidavit is a statement of the facts as he says they exist, appears in the form of an affidavit, and is sworn to by him, under oath, and is a complete denial of the charges against him.

Mr. Conroy may tell the story in his own vindication; perhaps he will tell it before the grand jury, for the same

least by innuendo certifies, at the instance of Edward C. Conroy, to drag within the meshes of his net those men seeking employment who could be induced to disgorge, even though small amounts in response to promises of political situations. So skillfully did he handle the duty placed in his hands that for months those unfortunate artisans who paid money for the promises of Wilbur walked the streets, happy in the thought that at last they had won in the battle for political recognition.

Ferren was among the first to fall a victim to Wilbur. Ferren was directed to Wilbur by one who said that his influence was sufficient to place him in the office of Harbor Commissioner. Wilbur's first demand was for \$25 and two promissory notes. In accordance with the terms stated, Ferren produced \$25 in gold, gave his promise to pay \$15 more on receiving his position, and to honor the notes when they became due. Satisfied that the money was in his hands, at least he went away satisfied that the future would see him in a State position. Seeking for Wilbur he often found him busy, while around him hovered the forms of other victims of Wilbur's craft. Each became suspicious that Wilbur held more money and more promissory notes than his, and Wilbur's men were drawn together by common impulse and then the game Wilbur had played and lost became a lesson.

Wilbur was approached by one he had received with a promise of a position as a carpenter on the water front, and was informed that the time had come for the "delivery of the goods" or the return of the money. The date of immunity of publication set forth in the various receipts had expired. Wilbur was unable to deliver the goods, and Conroy's office and a meeting was arranged in the office of Daniel M. Burns. Promises of speedy settlement were made. The return of



J. L. FERREN.

Burns was all that stood in the way of the settlement of the matter. Another meeting was held in Burns's office, and a compromise was suggested by Wilbur. A third meeting was held in the Palace Hotel and Wilbur decided to take a trip to Los Angeles and lay the case before the Governor.

The Governor could offer no suggestion or relief, and Wilbur hurried home and promised that after the next session, at which time it was hoped the Governor would pass his now "celebrated" reorganization law, positions would be open by the score, and all the money would be returned to the victims of his scheme.

The extra session came. Still no positions were forthcoming, and though admitting the right of the dupes to positions, Conroy refused to admit knowledge of the transaction by which Wilbur's victims relinquished ownership of golden twenties. McKerricher, who with his associates waited for his position or the return of his money, was finally assured, he asserts, by Mr. Bailey, a brother-in-law of Daniel M. Burns, that if his position depended upon Conroy, it was all right. This relief was given to the victims of those who had been deceived, but finally they placed their cases in the hands of Attorney Dan M. Burns.

In a book in Burns's private vault, which is under the control of Edward C. Conroy, there appear the names of the victims of this scheme. These men, notwithstanding that they have been assured that this means some recognition for them, have joined with their associates for the common weal and will stand to the end in the fight for



EDDIE CONROY.

the gold they earned by the sweat of their brows.

No political crime in the annals of California politics has carried more unhappiness into the homes of toilers than have these promises made with lying lips.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY.

FRUIT-MONEY CONTROVERSY.

SAN BERNARDINO, July 20.—(Regular Correspondence.) After a trial lasting seven days in Department One of the Superior Court, Judge Oster yesterday instructed the jury to bring in a verdict for the defendant, in the case of the First National Bank of Redlands vs. Gertrude S. Bowers. The plaintiff asked stay of proceedings until a motion for a new trial could be granted. The bank sued to force the defendant to pay a sum of over \$12,000, alleged to be due on unpaid drafts drawn by a Redlands fruit company, according to the terms of a contract entered into between the bank and Mrs. Bowers for the fruit firm's sales for the season of 1927-8.

FIRST RAIN THIS MORNING.

Over half an inch of rain fell here this afternoon, and it is still raining. Quite a heavy rain fell in the mountains and water will be more plentiful for irrigation.

MORE WATER.

The water conditions, so far as the city is concerned, are improved. The pumps are throwing between sixty and seventy inches of water into the reservoir, which, with the supply from Little Creek, makes a constant flow of about one hundred and twenty inches. The time for sprinkling lawns has been increased by an hour, the present hours being 5 to 6 p. m. The districts are throwing between sixty and seventy inches of water into the reservoir, which has been offered for sale to the city for \$250,000. There are a 7-inch and a 12-inch well on the property, the water in both wells rising nearly to the surface. In view of the increased flow at the reservoir, it is not deemed expedient to purchase the property at present.

SAN BERNARDINO BREVITIES.

The officers of Morse Encampment, No. 51, I.O.O.F., were installed this evening. The members of Star Encampment, Riverdale, attended in a body. A banquet followed at the St. Charles Hotel.

A picnic was given yesterday at the mineral wells by members of the Cornman Woman's Relief Corps in honor of the veteran army nurse, Mrs. M. M. McKeen.

### OTHER OIL INDUSTRY: A COMBINE.

Organization of Kern County Oil Men.

and Jonah, Getting Father in Los Angeles.

Field—Field Notes.

The Times says that

of all the leading oil-pro-

ducers of Kern county met at

San Francisco and took

steps looking to the organization

of a "producers' association," the

object of which, it is proposed, will

be to keep the market level

and to control the output of petroleum.

The meeting was largely attended

and the following names were

present: J. M. Keith, W. O.

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Brook, Esq., and F. Allender, Esq., of Los Angeles spoke.

Mrs. S. S. Chafe is visiting at Santa Barbara.



